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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Mental illnesses, such as depression, bipolar
3 disorder, schizophrenia, and many others, can lead to suicide
4 attempts if left untreated; and

5 WHEREAS, Mental illness is recognized as a disorder of the
6 mind and body; if left undiagnosed, undertreated, or untreated,
7 mental illness increases the chances of an attempted or
8 successful suicide; and

9 WHEREAS, Many suicides are derived from depression and
10 other mental disorders, a substance abuse disorder, or a
11 combination of both; and

12 WHEREAS, The stigma associated with suicide is the result
13 of a lack of understanding of mental illness; and

14 WHEREAS, The survivors of suicide represent a large group
15 of people who suffer alone and in silence; and

16 WHEREAS, For every successful suicide, there are an
17 estimated minimum of 6 suicide survivors; and

18 WHEREAS, Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the
19 United States; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we express our support for improved suicide awareness in the
4 State of Illinois in order to educate citizens about mental
5 illness and other disorders that can lead to suicide and
6 successful diagnosis and treatment of the underlying causes of
7 suicide, thereby increasing the numbers of survivors.